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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170  
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I personally feel that a rate increase would jeopardize the safety of people in rural communities commuting to work as some of us only have a phone for emergencies. After being stranded on the way home from work at 2:00am I decided I needed a cell phone eventhough I could not really afford one. I didn't want another bill so opted for the prepaid option which is a little more expensive if I were to use it on a regular basis but actually cheaper in the long run if only for emergencies.

I fear that cell phone companies will take it upon themselves to raise these rates as well.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members